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**Religious Studies** **405008**  
**(Specification A)**  
**Religious Studies**  
**(Specification A) (Short Course)**

**Unit 8 Islam**

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**Part B**

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Answer **either** Question **B5** or Question **B6** on pages 10 to 16 of the answer booklet.

There are 24 marks for each question.

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**EITHER****B5      Family Life**

**B5 (a)**      Explain what Islam teaches about polygamy. *(6 marks)*

**B5 (b)**      ‘An arranged marriage is the best kind of marriage.’

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Muslim arguments in your answer. *(6 marks)*

**B5 (c)**      Explain Muslim attitudes to homosexuality. *(6 marks)*

**B5 (d)**      ‘A Muslim should never agree with divorce.’

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. Refer to Muslim teaching in your answer. *(6 marks)*

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Do **not** answer Question B6 if you have answered Question B5.

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**OR**

**B6 Beliefs and Sources of Authority**

**B6 (a)** Explain the importance of Muhammad to Muslims. (6 marks)

**B6 (b)** 'Receiving the Qur'an is the most important part of Muhammad's life for Muslims.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. (6 marks)

**B6 (c)** Explain Sunni and Shi'ah (Shi'i) views of authority. (6 marks)

**B6 (d)** 'The Shari'ah is all Muslims need to guide their lives.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have thought about more than one point of view. (6 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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